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Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm Sunday: 9:30 am (English) & 12:15 pm (Spanish)
Daily: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday: Noon Wednesday: 6:00 pm
Adoration: Wednesday 5:00 pm Private Prayer: Wednesday 8:00 am – 7:00 pm

WISE VIRGINS … EXTRA FLASKS OF OIL

As we draw closer to the end of the Church's liturgical year, our meditations focus on the mystery of life and death. This is the typical November theme, as we pray especially for our deceased relatives and as leaves shed their colors, die, and fall off the trees. Our physical, chemical, and biological bodies are not meant to live in this form forever. It is our medium to get to the depth and height of lasting life: union with God. When we remember our deceased loved ones and how close and dear our lives with them were, we are reminded of how very close death is to all of us.

Life and death somehow go together like day and night, but at the depth of it all is unending Life that controls the entire flow. We sleep at night and wake in the morning because our lives are deeper than sleep and remain alive no matter how deeply we sleep. The readings of this weekend describe as wise those who live at the depths, connected to the never-dying Life of God. Jesus gives a clear picture of this wisdom in the parable of the wise virgins who took extra flasks of oil to the wedding.

It is all about us. We are virgins created for union with God. Our lives are constantly burning lamps, needing fuel both physical and spiritual. We eat every day to keep going, but do we also nourish our souls through prayer, God's Word, and Charity? Wise people stay constantly connected to Christ, whose Body is the Home of the Holy Spirit, the Oil of God. They are nourished, refreshed, and strengthened as they go through the ups and downs of everyday life. They are not afraid of death because they live life at the depths, beyond the scratch of our bodies' physical, chemical, and biological dissolution. It is foolish to stay disconnected and depend only on the little limited oil of our separate lives. Let us wisely stay connected to Christ through His Body, the Church, and live at the depths in Him.

God bless you all. Fr. Paulinus

Sacraments

Baptism, Marriage, & Anointing of the Sick – Call for appointment
First Communion, Confirmation & Religious Ed –
Sunday 11:00 am – 12 Noon
Youth Group – November 11 at 7:00 – 8:30 pm
OCIA – Thursday 7:00 pm
Confessions: Sunday: 8:45-9:15 pm & 11:30 am to Noon:
Saturday: 4:15 – 4:45 pm; Wednesday: 5:15 – 5:45 pm
and by appointment

Mike Pittman ~ the memorial Mass for Mike will be on Friday, November 13 at 2:00 pm. The Rosary will begin at 1:30 pm.

Youth Group ~ will meet Wednesday, November 11 7:00 -8:30 pm. All Youth 6th Grade and up are welcome. Supper will be provided.

Baked Spaghetti Fundraiser ~ pickup will be on Saturday, November 14. If you can come help, please do so. We will begin at 8:00 am. It is not necessary to stay all day, there will be plenty to do all day.

Family Formation ~ We will have our Family Formation next Sunday, November 15 at 11:00 am during Religious Education. We invite parents to come to class along with their children. There is no greater gift you can give your children than the gift of your faith.

Prison Ministry Collection ~ we are taking collections for the Prison Ministry through Sunday, November 22. Cards and stamps, calendars, toiletries such as soap, shampoo, shaving cream, toothpaste and toothbrushes are needed. These are items that are luxuries to the prisoners. Please help if you can.

Angel Dancers ~ Our Christmas program will be Wednesday, December 16 following Mass. Angel dancers will practice each Tuesday at 6:30 pm. All kids interested in participating are welcome to come and join us.

Today's Readings can be found on page 946 in the St. Augustine Hymnal

Our Gifts to God:

Weekly Budget Goal: $2,875 Last Year's Offering: $4,222.15

Last Sunday's Offering: $4,487.33 (In pew: $4,194, Online: $293.33)

Children: $68

Harvest of Hope Goal: $128,508

Pledges Remaining: $21,685.24 Total Given: $57,625.73

DAILY MASS

November 7
5:00 pm Mass
Mary Pham Hong+

November 8
9:30 am Mass
12:15 PM Mass

November 9
9:00 am
Noon Mass
6:00 pm

November 10
Noon Mass

November 11
5:00 pm Holy Hour
6:00 pm Mass
Joseph Pham Van Hon+

November 12
Noon Mass

November 13
2:00 pm Mass
Mike Pittman

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